GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2401
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WITHDRAWAL OF NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to withdraw the nutrient based subsidy on fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private sector industries are contemplating to increase the prices of fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) No, Madam.

(c) & (d) The Government has introduced Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy in respect of Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers w.e.f. 1.4.2010. However, the Government has decided that under the Nutrient Based Subsidy for 2010-11, subsidy for the nutrients `N`, `P`, `K` & `S` will be fixed in such a manner that the farm gate prices of non-urea fertilizers are as far as possible, near the current prices so that the farmers are not adversely affected.